

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

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RONALD C. WESTON, SR., CLERK
U.S. DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
BY: _____

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER RE:)
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO) No. 08-067
LOCAL CIVIL RULE 8)
_____)

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2071 and Rule 83 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the court hereby gives notice of its consideration of an amendment to Local Civil Rule 8. The proposed amendment, which is attached, would add Rule 8.2. Proposed Rule 8.2 would require all responsive pleadings to set forth verbatim each paragraph to which the pleader is responding. This amendment has been reviewed and tentatively approved by the judges of this court. The text of the proposed rule amendment is available on the court's website or in paper form at the Clerk's Office.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all members of the public of their opportunity to review and comment upon the foregoing proposed amendment. A copy of this order shall be posted in each divisional office and on the court's website. In addition, the Clerk shall send electronic notice to all attorneys registered to use the CM/ECF system. The Clerk shall provide a copy of the proposed amendment to the Federal Bar Association, West Michigan Chapter, the State Bar of Michigan Committee on United States Courts, and the *Michigan Lawyer's Weekly*.

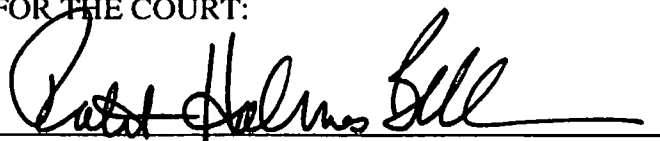
All comments should be in writing and must be received by the court no later than **June 16, 2008**. Comments should be addressed to:

Ronald C. Weston, Jr., Clerk
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399 Ford Federal Building
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or submitted electronically to ecfhelp@miwd.uscourts.gov. The court will consider all comments before promulgating a final version of Civil Rule 8.

Dated: May 13, 2008

FOR THE COURT:


Robert Holmes Bell
Chief Judge

Civil Rule 8

Local Civil Rule 8. Pleadings; Special Requirements

8.1 Complaints in Social Security Cases. Complaints filed pursuant to § 205(g) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 405(g), for benefits under Titles II, XVI and XVII of the Social Security Act shall contain, in addition to what is required under Rule 8(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the following information: (1) the type of benefit claimed, for example, disability, retirement, survivor, health insurance, supplemental security income; (2) in cases involving claims for retirement, survivors, disability, or health insurance, the social security number of the worker (who may or may not be the plaintiff) on whose wage record the application for benefits was filed; and (3) in cases involving claims for supplemental security income benefits, the social security number of the plaintiff.

8.2 Answers and Replies. Except in cases brought by a *pro se* plaintiff, a responsive pleading under Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(b) shall recite verbatim that paragraph of the pleading to which it is responsive, followed by the response.